

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board
BALBOA PARK COMMITTEE

April 15, 2004

Meeting held at:

Balboa Park Club, Santa Fe Room
2150 Pan American Road
San Diego, CA 92101

Mailing address is:

Balboa Park Administration
2125 Park Boulevard MS 39
San Diego, CA 92101-4792

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

Laurie Burgett
Darlene Davies
Vicki Granowitz
Nancy Rodriguez
Paul Rucci (Arr 7:01)
Michael Stepner
Joyce Summer
Jeffery Tom

Members absent

Dan Mazzella (Ex)
Jeffrey Kirsch (Ex)
Joe Silverman (Ex)
Warren Simon (Ex)

Staff Present

Charles Daniels
Kathleen Hasenauer
Beth Murray
Ellen Oppenheim
Gary Stromberg

Staff Absent

Michael Behan (Ex)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Davies called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

WORKSHOP ITEMS

301. Land Use, Circulation and Parking Plan – Recommendations

Ellen Oppenheim introduced the Workshop Item. This evening the Committee would work through the Circulation and Parking sections of the Draft Report. Comments on the Appendices are welcomed. If the Committee is able to adopt the Plan Recommendations this evening, then on April 29, the Report could be adopted with any modifications necessary. The Project Definition and subsequent recommendations would also be discussed on April 29.

Balboa Park Committee Members and Consultant Comments

Chairperson Davies was not prepared to adopt the Land Use, Circulation, and Parking Plan this evening.

Mark Johnson of CIVITAS, has received comments from the members, many of which are reflected in the electronic version of the Draft Report. Information gathered this evening will be available to the members on April 19. Mark will write a point-by-point response to the written comments received for the Draft Report. In addition to written comments received, discussion occurred as noted. Page numbers were not provided in

some instances.

Circulation Section:

Page 50 C8 – Use of the perimeters: Connect meandering trails, foot paths, and bridges. Enhanced pedestrian connections and pathways are favored. C5 – Include Charts. Encourage use of transit. Label the map to match the text.

Page 57 – Pershing Drive is a commuter route. The road is over designed and divides the park. It should be reduced in size. Support was voiced for the inclusion of sidewalks and bike lanes. Incorporate transit language.

Consensus was reached to retain parking and existing width on Park Boulevard. Use the middle lane for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). Although diagonal parking is efficient, it results in the loss of a travel lane, reduces capacity and speed on Park Boulevard, which is a collector street. Transit First, as part of their study, is analyzing Park Boulevard.

Page 60 – Incorporate examples and more specific language.

Page 63 - Gateways – Add one at Grape Street. Locate one gateway at Redwood Street and Pershing Drive. Move the 20th and B Street gateway to 26th and Pershing Drive. Define the difference between a primary and secondary gateway.

Page 65 - Revamp the routes.

Parking Section:

Page 68 – Queries relative to employee parking and the length of short term parking were voiced.

Page 70 – The shuttle should have a strong identity.

Page 71 – Use more positive language for the joint venture, eminent domain. Include a statement to protect adjacent communities from impacts.

Page 72 – The tourism industry could provide support for the shuttle system.

Page 73 – Provide more definition and criteria.

Page 74 – The shuttle system should have sufficient vehicles, be flexible and able to adjust to the needs of a given day.

Page 75 – Concerns were voiced regarding a comprehensive system to include the use of bicycles and pedi-cabs.

Page 76 – Clarify capacity numbers.

Page 77 – Queries relative to the mixed use of parking lots, parking beneath the Palisades and loss of parking spaces were voiced.

Page 79 – The possibility of parking beneath other areas and reclaiming parking lots for multiple uses was discussed.

Page 83 – Remove the Zoo employee parking lot.

Include valet parking in the parking management plan. Include the trails near the Balboa Park Golf Club. Update Acknowledgement page.

Page 88 – Address phasing.

The Committee members discussed the possibility of an additional public hearing, reviewing the public comments, and voting on the Plan on April 29. Consensus was not reached.

Mark Johnson will bring the Plan, with the incorporated comments on April 29. The Committee will discuss phases and implementation at that time.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent

101. None

Adoption

201. None

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Davies adjourned the meeting at 8:43 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting:

Thursday, May 6, 2004
6:30 P.M.
Balboa Park Club, Santa Fe Room
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Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Hasenauer
Staff Representative

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